

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	488	106	35	0	639
NAVY	281	92	28	3	8	412
MARINE CORPS	24	203	21	8	0	256
AIR FORCE	231	165	260	17	0	673
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	0	22	12	5	0	39
TOTALS	546	971	427	68	8	2020 *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	246	502	373	51	4	1176
DEFERRED	60	111	28	2	1	202
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	240	358	26	15	3	642
TOTALS	546	971	427	68	8	2020

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

* INCLUDES 462 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL: The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 563 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	406	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	142	
CAMBODIA	13	
TOTAL	563	***

NOTES:

* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

** 2 ashes returned from China.

*** 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21704 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1905
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4820
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5239
DOGTAGS	9740
TOTAL	21704

- a. Of the 1905 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1879 (98.63%) reports are resolved.
 - 1309 (68.71%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.36%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 525 (27.56%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 26 (1.37%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 23 (1.21%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 3 (0.16%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	Total
19	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	26